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to allow us to focus debate on the important parts of bills. It isn't going...it isn't going to stop anyone from filing amendments. It isn't going to require...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...anyone to get co-signatures to file amendments. Very simply, it gives the Speaker, together with consultation with the committee chair and the introducer of the bill,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time, Senator.

SENATOR BROMM: ...a chance to focus the discussion where it should be. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Before we proceed with debate on this amendment, Senator Robinson would like to introduce the doctor of the day, Dr. Janet Sellon, from Blair. She's our doctor of the day, and she's under the north balcony. Doctor, would you please rise and be welcomed by your Legislature. Also, guests of Senator Jones this morning are Don Scholl and his wife, Janice, from Fairbury, and many friends. They're under the north balcony. Would you please rise and be recognized by your Legislature. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. We're back to the key issue that we are to consider on the rules changes for this session, and that is the question of how we deal with extended debate, filibuster is another term for it. I have been very much involved in this over the 20 sessions I've been involved in the Legislature, and I have seen great value to most of the filibusters that we've held, even when I was the target of those, even perhaps the victim of those. I have found that those discussions, if focused on key issues, can be of value. And, as Senator Chambers says, I sometimes get thick-skulled and don't listen, and it does take some time, and all of a sudden I'll see that there is, in fact, a point to be made, and that an amendment can be found and common ground reached. At the same time I've also been frustrated by the fact that sometimes the filibuster process, extended debate process, has not focused on those key